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Addendum

Management of coastal and marine resources in small island developing States

Corrigendum

1. **Paragraph 3 (f)**

Replace the existing text with the following:

(f) **Delimitation of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles.** According to article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the continental shelf of a State may extend beyond 200 nautical miles where there is natural prolongation of the continental margin beyond this limit and such area of prolongation satisfies the technical criteria set out in that article; this is important for small island developing States with limited land resources and which look to the continental shelf as an additional resource; these States often do not have the capability, however, to define the seabed boundaries in areas where such an extension of boundary might be possible;

2. **Paragraph 12 (h)**

Replace the existing text with the following:

(h) **Extension of continental shelf limits beyond 200 nautical miles.** Information on the limits of the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles must be submitted by 2004 by the States concerned to the Commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf, which was established by the United Nations Convention on the

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Law of the Sea and is empowered to make recommendations to States. The limits established on the basis of those recommendations shall be final and binding. However, reliable and accurate information on the geology and geomorphology of these areas based on bathymetric and seismic data is essential for this purpose. Thus, small island developing States which do not have capabilities to do so should obtain assistance to determine if they are *prima facie* eligible and, if they are, to collect the relevant data and make requisite presentations to the Commission by the currently stipulated cut-off date of 2004;

3. **Paragraph 13 (g)**

Replace the existing text with the following:

(g) Establishing programmes (i) to make a preliminary assessment as to which small island developing States are *prima facie* eligible to establish limits beyond 200 nautical miles and to advise accordingly; (ii) to provide advice and assistance to eligible States where required, to gather available information and determine what additional information is required by way of ocean surveys, and to assist in finding cost-effective solutions on the basis of relevant international experience and the requirements of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and (iii) to initiate measures, assist and/or strengthen the capacity of those States to collect the necessary data and prepare documentation for extending their continental shelves beyond the 200-nautical mile EEZ;